#### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 2, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our nation's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment by recognizing that all human life depends upon the Earth and upon one another for our mutual existence, well-being, and development; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt supports the Climate Change Initiative goals of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the State of Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Reduction initiative; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt takes many steps to protect and enhance our natural surroundings through a variety of positive actions, including community cleanup events, planting projects, refuse and recycling initiatives, and educational forums and workshops; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt is recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, a Maryland Smart Energy Community, and a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community, and has pledged to continue increasing its recycling rate, expanding its fleet of alternative fuel vehicles, promoting "green" building and "green" street techniques, increasing energy efficiency, improving air quality, and preserving its open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City established the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and a Green Team to study, investigate and advise Council on environmental issues impacting Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt proudly recognizes all who participate in Earth Day for their proactive dedication to shaping a better future.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of the

### 46<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

and urge all our residents to celebrate Earth Day by supporting and joining in efforts to protect our environment and to preserve the beauty, wonder, and diversity of our Earth's lands, skies, and waters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 29th day of March 2016.

EMMETT V. JORDAN, Mayor

# Earth Day

Annual Watershed Cleanup



Volunteers
Needed!



## SATURDAY, APRIL 16

1 pm - 4 pm



### **Springhill Lake Recreation Center**

6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770

- Bring your work gloves & reusable water bottle
- wear weather-appropriate clothing & closed-toe shoes
- High School Students: Bring a service-learning form for graduation requirements

Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS), Alice Ferguson Foundation, and American Rivers.



RSVP to <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-earth1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-earth1</a>
Ouestions? Contact Volunteer@CHEARS.org